

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 2, S. 464–494, S. Res. 68–69, and S. Con. Res. 10–12.

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Measures Passed:

Human Genome Month/DNA Day: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 10, designating April 2003 as “Human Genome Month” and April 25 as “DNA Day”.

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Ohio Bicentennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, recognizing the bicentennial of Ohio’s founding.

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Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, designating March 3, 2003, as “Read Across America Day”.

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Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 12 noon, on Monday, March 3, 2003.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 3, 2003, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba’s on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2003; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–18)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2004.

Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005. (Reappointment)

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring on July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Ephraim Batambuze, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2008.

Thomas Thomas Riley, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 22, 2005.

McGregor William Scott, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 3, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2990.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after each nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, and Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Weldon, each to be a Member of the National

Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AEROSPACE RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. involvement in aerospace research and technology, including recommendations of the "Final Report of the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry", after receiving testimony from Senator Dodd; Jeremiah F. Creedon, Associate Administrator for Aerospace Technology, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Robert S. Walker, Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry, and Edward M. Bolen, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, former Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dennis Dietz, Boeing Company, and John Tomblin, Wichita State University National Institute for Aviation Research, both of Wichita, Kansas.

ENERGY PRODUCTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine energy production on Federal lands, focusing on the oil, gas, geothermal and coal industries, and the environmental community, after receiving testimony from J. Steven Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Robert L. Bayless, Jr., on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States and Independent Petroleum Association of America, Denver, Colorado; Steven F. Leer, Arch Coal, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the National Mining Association; and David Alberswerth, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded hearings to examine S. 32, to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; S. 203, to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining; S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico; and S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, after receiving Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jim Reaves, Director, Vegetation Management and Protection Research, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John Gonzales,

San Ildefonso Pueblo, New Mexico; Denny Gutierrez, Santa Clara Indian Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; and W. Wallace Covington, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff.

2004 BUDGET: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2003".

2004 BUDGET: MEDICARE AND MEDICAID REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Health and Human Services, focusing on Medicare and Medicaid reform, receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

AMERICA AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine American public diplomacy with respect to Islam, focusing on the perception of the United States in the Islamic world, and American efforts to improve its image, after receiving testimony from Charlotte L. Beers, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors; and Andrew Kohut, The Pew Research Center, Kenton W. Keith, Meridian International Center, and R.S. Zaharna, American University School of Communication, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for

Management, who was introduced by Senator Dole, and Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Deborah L. Cook, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Ralph R. Erickson, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, William D. Quarles, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Gregory L. Frost, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Jeremy H. G. Ibrahim, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Edward F. Reilly, of Kansas, Cranston J. Mitchell, of Missouri, each to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice, Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Peter Joseph Elliott, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 4.

GLOBAL AGING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to global aging and its implications for the U.S. economy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, and Paul S. Hewitt, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gary L. Geipel, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 92 public bills, H.R. 2, 953–1044; and 29 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 57–76, and H. Res. 109–118 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Human Cloning Prohibition Act: The House passed H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning by yea and nay vote of 241 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 39.

Pages H1407–1438

Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that exempt products derived from an embryo (including pluripotent stem cells) for use in various medical treatments by recorded vote of 164 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 38.

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Agreed To:

Scott amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–21, as modified, that sought to require a GAO study after consultation with the National Academy of Sciences to assess the need (if any) for amendment of the prohibition on human cloning.

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Rejected:

Greenwood amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–21 that sought to prohibit human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to initiate a pregnancy and allow its use for medical research (rejected by recorded vote of 174 yeas to 231 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 37).

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H. Res. 105, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 3.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 3 and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 5.

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Committee Resignation: Without objection, the Chair accepted the resignation of Representative

Brady of Pennsylvania from the Committee on Small Business.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Cuba's Destruction of Civilian Aircraft: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government's of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S. registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2003—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H.Doc. 108–42).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas and nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1436, H1437–38, and H1438. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Sub committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Sub committee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Community Development Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from Tony Brown, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST**

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: James G. Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff.

DOD BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

**MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM—ASSESSING
NEED TO ENACT**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NEW BASEL ACCORD—SOUND
REGULATION OR CRUSHING COMPLEXITY?**

Committee on Financial Services: Sub committee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The New Basel Accord-Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?” Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald Powell, Chairman, FDIC; John D. Hawke, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION’S DRUG TREATMENT
INITIATIVE**

Committee on Government Reform: Sub committee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on “Recovery Now: The President’s Drug Treatment Initiative.” Testimony was heard from John Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Charles Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and a public witness.

**OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY TOWARD
WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and the following officials of the Department of State: Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; and

J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “New York’s ‘Sanctuary’ Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration.” Testimony was heard from John Feinblatt, Criminal Justice Coordinator, City of New York; John Nickell, Officer, Police Department, Houston, Texas; Michael J. Cutler, former Senior Special Agent, New York District Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

NASA’S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sean O’Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**OVERSIGHT—AGENCY BUDGETS AND
PRIORITIES**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: R. L. Brownlee, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: G. Tracy Mehan, III, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Bill Baxter, Director, TVA; Jamison S. Hawkins, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Thomas A. Weber, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**PATIENTS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT;
ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT**

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 877, Patients Safety Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 878, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 3 through March 8, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Also, at 5:30 p.m., Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's initiatives regarding the school breakfast and lunch programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2004 for military construction programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Hearing, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for operations intelligence, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation energy and water development programs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 4, to hold closed briefings on current military operations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 5, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine implementation of enhanced 911 (E-911) services for wireless phones, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force Report and major spectrum issues facing policymakers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 4, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on financial conditions of the electricity market, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the States of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica

Mountains National Recreation Area, and S. 425, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on energy use in the transportation sector, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 6, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer, and S. 220 and H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Trade Agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 4, to hold hearings to examine a new way to aid the Millennium Challenge Account, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation concerning HIV-AIDS, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Tax Convention with the United Kingdom and Protocols amending Tax Conventions with Australia and Mexico, 3 p.m., SD-419.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine an agreed framework for dialogue with North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 6, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the status of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's workforce and consider proposed personnel flexibilities to assist the agency in achieving its mission, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 6, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's approach to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 5, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004 for Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the war against terrorism, focusing protecting America, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the asbestos litigation crisis, 2 p.m., SH-216.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ethical regenerative medicine research and human reproductive cloning, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, 2:30 a.m., SR-418.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 4, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on Commissioner of Social Security Administration, 10:15 a.m., and on Inspector General of Social Security Administration, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Interior, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Construction, 10 a.m., and on Quality of Life, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on Attorney General, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on Secretary of Education, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., and on Federal Citizen Information Center, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 4, hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperative Threat Reduction and Non-Proliferation Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 6, hearing on Members Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 4, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Improving Adult Education for the 21st Century," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 5, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003; and H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "Head Start: Improving Results for Children," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "A Review of FASB Actions Post-Enron and WorldCom," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Comprehensive National Energy Policy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Programs," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 4, hearing on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 5, hearing on housing related agency budgets for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 758 and H.R. 859, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 3, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on "Combating Terrorism: A Proliferation of Strategies," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed in the Right Direction?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources hearing on "ONDCP Reauthorization and the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 6, full Committee, hearing entitled "Reorganization to Recruitment: Bringing the Federal Government into the 21st Century," 10 a.m., and to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 5, oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 6, hearing on The Millennium Challenge Account, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 4, hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Need for Bankruptcy Reform legislation, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 12 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Copyright Piracy Prevention and the Broadcast Flag," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 5, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 793, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant easements and rights-of-way on the Outer Continental Shelf for activities otherwise authorized by that Act; and H.R. 794, Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 273, Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003; H.R. 274, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 289, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex Expansion and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; and H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, March 5, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on The Path to a Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on A Review of Aeronautics R&D at FAA and NASA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 5, hearing entitled "Small Business Access and Alternatives to Health Care," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 4, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Transportation Research, Development and Education Programs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Independent Peer Review of Products that Support Agency Decision-Making, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aviation Programs: Airports, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 6, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Rail Infrastructure Policies and Reauthorization of Highways, Transit and Surface Transportation Programs, 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 4, 5, and 6, hearings on the Administration's Economic Growth Proposals, 2 p.m., on March 4 and 5 and 10 a.m., on March 6, 1100 Longworth.

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Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 6, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, March 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, March 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claim.

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